



# KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385



## The Triple Crown Newsletter

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**Race One:** Well, we are back in person but on a very small scale. About 15 members enjoyed a Round Table to just stay connected and engaged. OK, they were rectangular tables, but let's not get so technical. NYC and NYS are beginning to see a decline in positive cases of COVID and Ridgewood 321 will remain vigilant to protect all of us. The beauty of a virtual newsletter is that it can be done at any time and in this case, blended with some in-person stuff that happened at the meeting. I've been working on the Scrapbook and Newsletter submissions for the NY District Competition, so, this is late. President Maricelis had to use another device to clap the gong since LG Carol Verdi stole our gavel. We will bring 10 members to go and retrieve the gavel. Everyone was asked to rise from their seats to recite the Pledge to our Flag and then Auxiliary Sky Pilot Bernie Zablocki gave a beautiful blessing. As always, Bernie was inspiring and right on point.

**Race Two:** The meet was held indoors in the large gathering space, a fancy new term for our big room in the basement. As mentioned, Ridgewood 321 had a Round Table with a small gathering of members and friends. NO, Kenny Dunn was not able to make the meet, nor were his Past President buddies; John Stahl, Mike Miller, Dave Fitzgerald and Liz Fitzgerald. Those who were able to make it included; Hank Kraker, Gino Ancona and Janine Mahon. The Outdoor Presidential Suite was not open for business today. Now you are asking what there was to consume, well today, there was real life PIZZAS from Grace. It was the easiest and cheapest way to go for a small crowd.

**Race Three:** As luck would have it, and Kenny Dunn not present, there was no problem with folks getting up to grab some pizza. Shiv Ramsamooj took the lead and was followed by Joseph Then and Papi Chulo Rodriguez, and Mary Benitez. Seems the Support Services Team at the GRYC needed no help getting to the food line, first. Alfred Ziegler took his time to get up for his meal. What are the odds that you can have a name that starts with the first letter of the alphabet and ends with the last?? **Alfred Ziegler**. Now that is cool. Speaking of the alphabet, next up were our B's; Bernie, Bill and BettyAnn. Yes, **Bernie Zablocki**, (almost BZ), **Bronco Bill Rennison**, and **BettyAnn Monahan**. **Catherine Zahedi**, **Danielle Kleiman**, DPP **Gino Ancona** DPP **Hank Kraker**, IPP **Janine Mahon**, **Joan Hoffmann** and **Maureen Powell** all had a chance to enjoy their pizza slices. President Maricelis Romero joined visiting Kiwanian Tania Broschert from the East River Club. Looking back at the list of attendees, we have an AZ, BZ and CZ. Just a little trivia for our club.

**Race Four:** Maricelis asked for any Happy Dollars and guests. Thanks Hank for your dollars for Green Bay. Then Bob introduced Tania Broschert from the East River Club. Kiwanis Education: The East River Club is an offshoot of the Astoria/Long Island City Club. Yes, that is the same as what the Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club experienced in our communities. Last year, Ridgewood 3-2-1 had 107 members, many of whom were not ACTIVE and the Board decided it was better to make the necessary adjustments and downsize. Even with the loss of 47 members, Ridgewood 321 is the second largest club in the Division and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest club in NY District. Since the beginning of the year, we have added 8 new members and are currently at 68 dues paying members. It is anticipated that we could install another 8 members at our March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to put us at 76 members. Understand that every member costs the club \$100 to Kiwanis International which led to the drop of all those members. In Janine's year we paid \$11,000 in dues and lost some Corporate, Business and Individual members due to COVID. You will also notice that many clubs have multiple names. The reason for that is that over the years, clubs have had to merge together in order to stay open and alive. Today, the Queens West Division has just about 500 members and that is a loss of 83 from last year's membership. If that trend continues, by 2030, Kiwanis would be gone in Queens West. How sad that service is taking such a hit in Kiwanis and around the world. As a member for almost 40 years, that is beyond sad.

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Start of Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>	<b>Variant</b>	<b>Club Size</b>	
<b>Glendale</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Ridgewood, NY 321</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Astoria-Long Island City</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>LaGuardia Airport</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Howard Beach</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Maspeth</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Ozone Park-Woodhaven</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Sunnyside</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Lefferts-Liberty</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Corona-East Elmhurst</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Queens Boulevard</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Middle Village</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Forest Hills</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Woodside</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Kew-Forest Richmond Hill</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>East River</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Jackson Heights</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>584</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-83</b>		

**Race Five:** Hank Kraker gave Sad Dollars for his Green Bay Packers loss and being knocked out of the NFL playoffs. We wrapped up our Football Donation Grid and are collecting some final buckaroos. Thanks for participating and bringing \$1000 into the club's treasury. This donation program was started by Hank, JR and Kenny a few years ago and all the credit goes to them for this great fundraiser. Bill Rennison, Michael Addeo, Diane Cusimano, DPP Liz Fitzgerald, DPP Dave Fitzgerald, Bob Monahan, Joe Florio, JR Velepec, Kevin Powell, Carlos Rodriguez, Chris McDougall, Chris Jardin, Alan Bellone, Lucian Matej, John Hennessey and Bernie Z are all in the mix. Thanks all for your generosity. It will grow a bit if a few of these teams keep winning in the playoff rounds. Having fun at Ridgewood 3-2-1. Happy Dollars were very sparse as this was a round table meeting.

**Race Six:** John and Margie Stahl were out of town and unable to attend. Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra were also jammed up at work and let us know that they missed the members and the fun we have. Joan Hoffmann was in the house without son, Paul. Gino got some happy dollars for helping

to coordinate all of the Pools and Raffles payments through VENMO and the Square. The 3-2-1 Club sold out FOUR Grids, 3 Super Bowl Grids and 1 Diaper and Wipes Grid for the Chaplaincy and Backstretch. Super Bowl Grids were for \$50, \$20 and \$10. The Board met at 4:00 PM today, January 26<sup>th</sup> and we are, once again, looking at St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day in the middle of March to possibly be our next FULL MEMBERSHIP meeting. Vaccine, Vaccine, Vaccine, is critical to our health and we are hopeful that this will help folks recover quicker. Not many pictures for this newsletter, but, I'm working on it.

Rocky the wonder dog says, "I'm standing in this phone booth looking for some privacy and the next thing I know, I'm wearing these things that belong to some guy named Bernie the Bandit. What gives?"



**Race Seven:** A very light representation of GRYC Directors and staff at the meet. I already mentioned who they were, but, I'm running out of material so, thanks, Danielle Kleiman, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, Joseph Then, Catherine "Siegel" Zahedi and Maureen Powell. IPP Janine Mahon, DPP Gino Ancona, Shiv Ramsamooj, DPP Bob Monahan, and it was a pleasure to see everyone there. Bronco Bill Rennison was in the corral along with Alfred Ziegler who traveled a long way to make the gathering.

**Race Eight:** Upcoming Events include:

February 16<sup>th</sup> – Round Table at the clubhouse – 12 noon

February 16<sup>th</sup> – In-Person Board Meeting at 4:00 PM at the Clubhouse.

There will be a maximum of 20 people in the big room and we will be socially distanced.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – BIG Round Table at the clubhouse – 12 noon

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Next In-Person General Meeting at the Clubhouse, conditions allowed. Indoor/Outdoor dining.



**Race Nine:** The meeting ended on time with a total of \$181 collected in Happy Dollars, Food Money and VENMO.

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*Remember these two fashionistas? Well, they went to Interclub with the Queens Blvd Club and actually got to wear their shiny new nametags. Gino also joined in and our three past presidents were all smiles.*



**Vasilopita**  
*is a rich bread baked with a coin inside. Whoever gets the piece of bread with the coin will have good luck all year. In Greek tradition Basil brings gifts to children every January 1<sup>st</sup>.*  
**Yes, it is St. Basil's Day.**

